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### Finding Aid to the Wilfred A. Plath Scrapbook

**Plath, Wilfred August, 1907-1980**

Wilfred A. Plath Scrapbook, 1921-1933

1 linear foot

44.2

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**BIOGRAPHY**

Wilfred August “Bill” Plath was born to John G. Plath and Josephine M. Plath on May 15, 1907 in Davenport, North Dakota. Wilfred graduated from Fargo High School in 1925 and graduated from North Dakota Agricultural College in 1932 with a Master of Science degree. During his time in college, he was involved in Alpha Gamma Rho, Saddle and Sirloin Club, and Bisonites. After graduation, Wilfred became a farm manager and county agent for the North Dakota counties of Barnes, LaMoure, and Ramsey. In 1940, Wilfred married Agnes M. Peck, then

returned to Davenport in 1941 to farm until his death in 1980. Wilfred and Agnes had three children, Marion, Beryl Jean, and Ronald.

Wilfred lived a busy life, serving on many different boards. Wilfred was the president of the North Dakota Farm Bureau in 1942 and served as director for 21 years. He was also the president of the Northwest Farm Manager's Association, North Dakota State University Alumni Association, North Dakota Livestock Mutual Aid Association, and North Dakota Aberdeen-Angus Association. He was a member of the North Dakota Livestock Sanitary Board and a member of the Red River Valley Fair Board for 35 years, as well as president from 1976-1977.

Wilfred received many awards for his contributions to the farming community. These awards include the Achievement Award from the North Dakota State University Alumni Association, the 1974 John Lee Coulter Award in North Dakota Agribusiness, and the 1978 Agriculturalist of the Year award from the Saddle and Sirloin Club at North Dakota State University.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT

The **Wilfred A. Plath Scrapbook** documents mainly his college life from 1926 to 1932, with some photographs, pamphlets, ribbons, and newspaper clipping from his high school days.

The scrapbook contains athletic records, lists of friends, and descriptions of social functions Plath attended throughout his college years. The scrapbook also contains various newspaper clippings, booklets, and numerous photographs. Due to the fact Plath was a member of Alpha Gamma Rho, there is a substantial amount of booklets on the fraternity, including the original cover of the scrapbook with the title "Alpha Gamma Rho."

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